

*Stated Meeting, May 21, 1897.*

Vice-President PEPPER in the Chair.

Present, 32 members.

The Proceedings of the Officers and Council were submitted.

Pending nominations Nos. 1376 to 1388 were read and, except No. 1380, action on which was postponed, were spoken to. Secretary Frazer and Dr. Morehouse were appointed tellers, and an election for members was held.

Dr. Morehouse read an obituary of the late Lewis A. Scott, Esq.

Mr. Prime offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President to consider and report on the advisability of offering to coöperate on behalf of this Society with the Royal Society of England in the preparation of an International Catalogue Raisonné of all scientific publications, and that such Committee shall be authorized to communicate with the Committee of the Royal Society on this subject."

Mr. George F. Edmunds made a communication on International Arbitration, which was discussed by Dr. Pepper, Mr. Wharton and Mr. Edmunds.

Dr. William H. Furness, 3d, then made a verbal communication, entitled, "Further Glimpses of Borneo," with lantern slides.

A paper by Dr. Charles E. Sajous on "Solar Heat and Universal Gravitation—A New Working Hypothesis," was then read.

Dr. Greene, on behalf of the Library Committee, offered the following resolutions :

That authority be given to the Library Committee to present one of the duplicate copies of the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, printed in Paris in 1783, to the library of the Department of State, and one to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, if they do not already possess copies.

Adopted.

That authority be given to the Library Committee to extend the time after one o'clock, during which the Library shall be open to such hours as they may see fit, provided that no additional expense be incurred.

Adopted.

The Tellers of Election reported that the following Candidates had been duly elected to membership in the Society :

Lord Lister, London.

Prof. W. C. Roentgen, Würzburg.

Owen Wister, Philadelphia.

Samuel N. Rhoads, Philadelphia.

Fridtjof Nansen, Lysaker, Norway.

Stewart Culin, Philadelphia.

S. F. Peckham, Ann Arbor.

Charles F. Mabery, Cleveland.

Edward Orton, Columbus, O.

Prof. Theodor Tschernyschew, St. Petersburg.

Prof. A. Karpinsky, St. Petersburg.

Theodore N. Ely, Philadelphia.

Dr. Hays offered the following resolution :

That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to consider and report upon the present status of the Magellanic Premium, and whether anything can be done to more fully carry out the original intentions of its founder.

Adopted.

The Society was then adjourned by the presiding officer.

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## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

BY HON. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS.

*(Read May 21, 1897.)*

The subject of international arbitration is becoming more and more interesting, and possibly, in view of its latest developments, somewhat more difficult of realization.

The idea of arbitration, whether between individuals or nations,